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Rear Admiral Craig Faller
Chief of Legislative Affairs
Department of the Navy
1300 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350-0001

Dear Rear Admiral Faller,

My constituent, Mr. (b) (6) has requested my office to make an inquiry regarding their basic housing allowance and travel pay.

I would greatly appreciate any information you are able to provide. If you have any further questions or need clarification please contact my staff member, (b) (6) at 630-232-0006. Thank you for your time and attention.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Roskam".

Peter J. Roskam
Member of Congress

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Your signature on this document is required for assistance

Privacy Release Form
Congressman Peter Roskam, 6th Congressional District, IL

(b) (6)
Name _____
Street _____
City _____
Home Phone _____ Business/Cell Phone (b) (6)
Date of Birth (b) (6) Social Security Number (b) (6)
Veterans Claim Number (if applies) _____
Military Identification Number (if applies) (b) (6)
Other numbers identifying my case (if applies) _____
Federal Agency involved U.S. NAVY
Types of benefits I am seeking BASIC HOUSING ALLOWANCE - ENTITLEMENT
Date and Place claim was filed 05/27/2016 Norfolk, Va

Information obtained regarding my case may be shared with the following individuals:

Name _____ Relationship _____
Name _____ Relationship _____

Under the Privacy Act of 1974, Federal Agencies are prohibited from releasing any information regarding an individual without written consent. Therefore, I, Patrick McCaffrey, hereby authorize Congressman Peter J. Roskam and his staff to make inquiries into my records from whoever necessary to receive and share in (b) (6) iry.

Signature _____ Date 1/30/2017

Please mail or fax this completed form, a letter explaining the situation and desired resolution, and copies of any relevant documentation to:

Congressman Peter Roskam
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Ensign (b) (6)

Basic Housing Allowance (BAH)

I am requesting assistance in receiving my entitled Basic Housing Allowance (BAH) for the last five months I was in the Navy from February 23, 2016 to July 31, 2016. I was stationed onboard Guided Missile Destroyer USS BARRY (DDG-52) in Norfolk, Virginia. USS BARRY conducted a homeport shift from Norfolk, Va to Yokosuka, Japan. BARRY departed for homeport shift January 12, 2016 and officially changed home station February 23, 2016. Due to my administrative separation from the Navy, I was Temporarily Assigned Duty to a sea command with a shore based headquarters Destroyer Squadron 26 in Norfolk, Virginia from January 12th to June 1, 2016. This command did not have any housing capabilities. From 01 June till my separation on July 31, 2016, I was Temporarily Assigned Duty to Destroyer 74 USS MCFAUL. USS MCFAUL also did not have the capability to house me as the Destroyer was placed in dry dock during this two month period. Furthermore, as an officer in the military I was entitled to the option to choose to reside in private residence and receive BAH. Prior to the ship leaving for Japan I was ensured that my BAH would not be cancelled by my commands administrative office. My BAH was cancelled without notifying me. At this point in time I have attempted for several months through my old command to receive compensation for my BAH to no avail. I spoke with the Disbursing Office with the Transient Personnel Unit (TPU) command for Naval Station Norfolk who viewed my pay issue and told me to request a Congressional Inquiry to due to my commands "gross negligence" regarding my pay.

Travel Compensation

My command also did not conduct my separation from the Navy with due diligence. Due to my command being in Japan while I was in Norfolk, Va, USS BARRY told me my final separation paperwork would be conducted through email. This did not happen. In September 2016, a month and half after my separation from the Navy, USS BARRY informed me that I was not properly discharged from the Navy and would have to return to Norfolk, Va to sign paperwork or be subject to potential military punishment due to my UA status. I was forced to purchase a round trip airline ticket and rental car to return to Norfolk, Va. When I reported to the TPU command of Naval Station Norfolk, the command informed me that I did not have to return as my command had said. Furthermore, I found out there were half a dozen other sailors from USS BARRY at TPU going through similar administrative difficulties from this command. USS BARRY informed me that I would not be reimbursed for my travel because I was not traveling on orders even though the command had informed me to return to Norfolk. I spent roughly \$1,000 between my flight, rental car and other travel necessities to complete this travel.

These two instances are just the final administrative failures I faced on USS BARRY over my four year tenure at the command which have resulted in hardships on my part. Further difficulties I have faced to further show the difficulties this command has presented me is I did not receive an annual evaluation (FITREP) my last two years onboard nor have I received a separation evaluation. Furthermore, in 2013 I was deployed with my command for nearly 10 months despite suffering from several injuries which were documented. These injuries required surgery, however I was forced to endure the injuries a year and half longer due to deployment and a lack caring and even prevention on my commands part. This command has continually failed me and has created tremendous hardships that I have had to overcome.

For further information please contact CDR (b) (6), Executive Officer of USS McFaul (DDG-74). CDR (b) (6) was my point of contact the last two months in the navy while stationed on the McFaul. She would be able to express and elaborate on the difficulties my command

presented to my BAH and separation processing. Another person to contact is (b) (6), Admin Director for the Transient Personnel Unit Norfolk. He can also express the difficulty I have experienced and his command has experienced in dealing with the administrative failings of USS Barry.

CDR Days Contact: (b) (6)

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